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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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July 23, 1985

SPECIAL MEMORANDUM OF APPRECIATION:

1985 Girls Nation, the 39th annual youth citizenship training program in the processes of Federal government sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, wishes to thank all those legislative and administrative officials who so generously contributed time and interest to their program.

This year, two girls from each of 49 Girls State sessions held earlier this summer, convened at Marymount College of Virginia in Arlington, July 13 to 20, to enact legislation, organize political parties, nominate candidates, conduct campaigns and elect and appoint Girls Nation government officials comparable to those in Federal government. They learned to do all these things with marvelous aplomb and have now taken their newly acquired skills home to share with the 19,000 Girls State citizens they represent, all of whom will be high school seniors in the coming year.

The 39th Girls Nation enacted an unusually large number of bills and resolutions.

They conducted a spirited political campaign that the Federalists won over the Nationalists and thus had the privilege of forming the Girls Nation administration in which every girl held an office. Each had the opportunity to visit the office of her real life counterpart in government as well as to pay courtesy calls on her Senators and Representatives. I am enclosing a list of those Girls Nation appointments in alphabetical order by states so that you may see how your home state delegates fared.

In addition, they attended services at Washington's two major Cathedrals (or a church of their own choice), made pilgrimages to the Tomb of the Unknowns, toured national monuments and the Smithsonian. All of this was climaxed with Commencement Exercises at which delegates to Boys Nation, which had just convened under the auspices of The American Legion, were honored guests.

The National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Helen Gardner of Florida, and the Girls Nation Staff headed by its Director, Mrs. Harvey Holcomb of Texas, join me in thanking you for your help. It has been sincerely appreciated.

Helen Gardner
MRS. WAYNE GARDNER
National President

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Chairman, Federal Labor Relations Authority

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Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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Allisse Portnoy of North Miami Beach

Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Under Secretary for Travel and Tourism

MICHIGAN:

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Amy Raasch of Brington

Assistant Secretary for International Trade,
International Development
Assistant Secretary, Science and Education

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Patricia DeGrood of Faribault
Dena Wetzel of Chanhassen

Chief, Forest Service
Secretary of Education

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Judith Bishop of Gulfport
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Librarian, Library of Congress
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MISSOURI:

Jane Hoppe of Farmington
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Secretary of the Air Force
Assistant Secretary, Food and Consumer
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MONTANA:

Deborah McGregor of Great Falls
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Director, National Science Foundation
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Teresa Dau of Yutan

Rochelle Slominski of Falls City

Assistant Secretary for Health, Public
Health Service
Assistant Attorney General for Civil
Rights Division

NEVADA:

Loryn Dunn of Las Vegas
Andrea Henderson

Director, National Institutes of Health
Director, Office of Personnel Management

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Lorrice Bedard

Diana L. Wood

Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and
Firearms
Assistant Secretary, Employment and
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NEW JERSEY:

Heather Bell of Martinsville
Karen Shelton of Franklin

Secretary of Health and Human Services
Assistant Attorney General, Office of
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NEW MEXICO:

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Jennifer Holberg of Las Cruces

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife
and Parks
Treasurer of the United States

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SOUTH DAKOTA:

Stefanie Musegades of Rapid City
Ann Schlaffman of Mitchell

Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Commission, U.S. Financial Management Service

TENNESSEE:

Laurelyn Douglas of Johnson City
Teresa Wilton of Memphis

Chief of Staff, Air Force
Administration, Federal Highway Administration

TEXAS:

Lisa Jones of Sherman

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research
and Improvement
Assistant Secretary for Community Planning
and Development

Kerrie Willis of Fort Worth

UTAH:

Laurel Smith of Provo
Kathleen Weron of Sandy

President of 1985 Girls Nation
Chairman, Federal Reserve System

VERMONT:

Arianna Knapp of Colchester
Jennifer Spafford of Burlington

Director, Bureau of Prisons
Assistant Secretary for Human Development
Services

VIRGINIA:

Tracye Comess of Virginia Beach
Catherine Martinez of Alexandria

Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs
Commandant, United States Coast Guard

WASHINGTON:

Teri Howe of Mt. Vernon
Theresa Sullivan of Yakima

Comptroller of the Currency
Assistant to the President for Management and
Budget

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WISCONSIN:

Andrea Piperakis of Janesville
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Assistant Secretary for Economic Development
Assistant Secretary - Policy and International
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Piper Harris of Cody
Noma Perkes of Afton

Director, Bureau of the Mint
Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service

ER

17 July 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George V. Lauder
 Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Visit of Girls Nation Delegate

1. You have agreed to meet with the Girls Nation Delegate, Roberta Suslka [SUSELKA] on Friday, 19 July, at 10:00 a.m. in your office. She is from Marietta, Ohio, and is 17 years old. Attached is biographic information on Miss Suslka.

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2. A member of my staff, [redacted] will be her escort during her visit to Headquarters. A photographer from P&PD will be present to take photographs in your office with you and the delegate.

The Agenda will be:

9:30-10:00 a.m. Arrival, briefing on the Agency and tour of first floor points of interest by PAO staff member

10:00-10:15 a.m. Meet with DDCI, 7D60

10:20-10:40 a.m. Meet with Public Affairs Officers, 7D00

10:45-11:15 a.m. Tour of CIA Library with [redacted]

11:20 a.m. Departure

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 George V. Lauder

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1 July 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM: [REDACTED]
Acting Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Girls Nation Delegate Visit

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline to meet with Girls Nation Delegate for approximately 15 minutes at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 19 July, in your office.

2. Background: Mrs. Wayne Gardner, National President of Girls Nation, has requested that you meet with your Girls Nation "Counterpart." In the past seven years either the DCI, the DDCI, or the Executive Director has met and been photographed with the Girls Nation "DCI." You met with the delegate in each of the last two years. Opposite is the photograph taken last year.

This is the 39th Girls Nation program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The annual citizenship course will be held 13 - 20 July at Marymount College in Arlington, Virginia, and will include high school juniors (two from each of the 50 Girls State sessions). The delegates convene as a legislative body and then divide into rival political parties and conduct campaigns which culminate in an election. The winning party forms an administration with offices comparable to the Cabinet level; hence a Girls Nation representative is the DCI. Opposite is additional information. The "DCI" selectee will wish to acquaint herself with the primary functions of your office.

3. Recommendation: If your schedule does not permit you to meet with the visiting "DCI," we recommend that you defer to the DDCI or Executive Director. My office will host the visit and provide additional information

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MEET WITH THE GIRLS NATION DELEGATE:

Director of Central Intelligence _____ Date _____

DEFER TO DDCI OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

/s/ William J. Casey 09 JUL 1985

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Director of Central Intelligence _____ Date _____

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Director of Central Intelligence _____ Date _____

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June 17, 1985

Executive Registry

85- 2462

Honorable William J. Casey, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The 39th annual session of American Legion Auxiliary will be held at Marymount College of Virginia in Arlington, July 13 to 20, 1985. As a former Member of this youth citizenship training program in the processes of federal government, I want to thank you for your previous help in making these girls' Counterpart visits a memorable experience.

The girls will convene in the form of a legislative body modeled after the United States Senate. Once they have mastered legislative procedures, they then will divide into rival political parties to conduct campaigns which will be climaxed by an election. The winning party will form an administration in which there will be an office comparable to yours. It is in the interest of the young lady who will be appointed to this office that I have two favors to ask of you:

- 1) Before we print the list of key administrative offices in the Girls Nation Instructional Manual, we would like to be certain that we have the names of the current office holders and their titles in the correct form. Therefore, if the inside address of this letter is in any way incorrect, would you be so kind as to let us know?
- 2) It will be the challenge of your Girls Nation counterpart to learn the primary functions of her office as well as possible in the limited time available. Nothing inspires her to greater effort than to have the opportunity to meet and visit even briefly with her actual Counterpart in government. To facilitate this, could you grant this Girls Nation delegate an appointment on Friday afternoon, July 19th (perhaps 15 minutes between the hour of 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.) and then perhaps assign a staff member to show her around your office and answer her questions?

Would this be agreeable to you? If you would be so kind as to let my secretary know, I would deeply appreciate it. Details on these visits are being coordinated by Rita Schneiders and her telephone number is 861-2795. She will be happy to provide you with the identity of your Girls Nation Counterpart following the Girls Nation election, by Wednesday, July 16.

We will be grateful for any help you can give us in making this an exciting "living experience in government" for these young ladies.

Sincerely,

Susan Gardner
MRS. WAYNE GARDNER
National President

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Enclosure: Girls Nation Fact Sheet

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(For Background Information)

GIRLS STATE AND GIRLS NATION

Girls State, culminated by Girls Nation, is the youth citizenship training program conducted annually by the American Legion Auxiliary to give high school juniors practical experience in the processes of government and thus a clear understanding of their approaching citizenship responsibilities.

GIRLS STATE SESSIONS, sponsored by 50 state Departments of the American Legion Auxiliary, are held each June or July in state capitals or on centrally located campuses in each of the 50 states. There, high school juniors, chosen with the aid of their school principals for qualities of leadership, set up their own miniature city, county and state governments and learn to administer them according to the rules and procedures set by actual state and local laws. They learn by "doing" it.

From Girls State, two Senators are selected to represent their constituents at Girls Nation, sponsored in the Nation's Capital in July by the National Organization of the American Legion Auxiliary.

GIRLS NATION, in its first three days, organizes political parties, the "Nationalist" and the "Federalist", holds national conventions for the nomination of candidates, climaxes campaigns with a "national election" and installs the winners in office.

From this point on, Girls Nation moves in a dual role: As a Senate, which meets to enact legislation, and also as a government administration, complete with elected and appointed officials. Girls Nation then visits the White House and learns firsthand how the federal government functions through briefing sessions on Capitol Hill and at various Government Departments, including those of State and Defense.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 1984-85.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GIRLS STATE AND GIRLS NATION PROGRAMS

Back in the depression ridden days of the early 1930's, The American Legion grew concerned over public statements to the effect that Democracy was "on the skids". How, it wondered, could America train its young people in the processes of self government as effectively as Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany seemed to be training their youth groups in the promulgation of totalitarian forms of government. Deciding that the best way to learn something was by practicing it, American Legionnaires began, in 1935, to gather teenage representatives of high schools together for a few days each summer in a citizenship training program on the processes of city and state government. They called it "Boys State".

As this program succeeded and spread throughout the United States, the American Legion Auxiliary began providing similar opportunities for girls of high school age. Thus "Girls State" was founded. The first Girls State was conducted in 1938 and since 1948 has been a regular part of the Auxiliary's better citizenship program. The 1985 Girls State sessions are being held in 50 states.

Girls Nation, the youth citizenship program in the processes of federal government to which Girls State sends two "Senators" each, is an annual climax to the Girls State program and has been held in the nation's Capital for one week each summer since 1947.

Girls State is staffed by American Legion Auxiliary members who volunteer their time and effort to this enterprise. Its administrative costs are defrayed by their Department (state) organizations. All costs for Girls Nation, including transportation, are financed by the American Legion Auxiliary's national organization. Delegates to Girls State are selected with the help of their high school principals on the basis of potential leadership qualities and must be between their Junior and Senior years in high school to qualify. Through these programs, it is estimated that each summer the American Legion Auxiliary is adding 19,000 girls trained in the processes of government to a group that by the end of 1985 will total about 704,000.

On Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1964, the American Legion Auxiliary received one of the four top Americana Awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge honoring its 1963 Girls Nation Program. Other Girls Nation Programs have helped to win similar George Washington Honor Medals, including the ones in 1971 and 1972. In 1977, the Joint Bicentennial Session of Boys and Girls Nation won its Distinguished Service Award.

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GIRLS NATION DELEGATE VISIT

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Director of Central Intelligence

Date

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Director of Central Intelligence

9 JUL 1985

Date

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